



# Environmental Protection Agency

2200 Churchill Road, Springfield, Illinois 62706

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Division File ✓ (General)  
FROM: Brad Benning  
DATE: June 24, 1980  
SUBJECT: Cook County - Chicago/Sherwin Williams - Follow-up Memo

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This is a follow up to the June 19, 1980 memo of Charles Gebien concerning possible hazardous waste sites in the area of 115th Street and Calumet Expressway. The Sherwin Williams Company located at 11541 Champlain Ave. in Chicago, Illinois 60628, was first visited on June 19, 1980 by Charles Gebien and Brad Benning from IEPA-DLPC. We returned to this site on June 20, 1980 and met with Mr. S. R. Fryzel the Safety-Security Manager to determine if any illegal disposal was occurring at this site.

We entered the Sherwin Williams property with Mr. Fryzel and walked an approximately 5-acre area behind the main plant. We observed the following while inspecting the area;

1. Approximately 500 empty 5-gallon cans which contained paints and chemical coatings.
2. An area approximately 10' x 20' where reddish paint had been dumped, possibly 4-5 55-gallon drums.
3. An area where a rosin material had been dumped, approximately 4-5 55-gallon drums.
4. An area where approximately 8 55-gallon drums are sitting, it appears two of the drums contain No. 6 fuel oil, which was cleaned up from a past spill, the rest of the drums were empty.
5. An area where approximately 25 55-gallon drums dumped. The majority of these appeared to be empty, but an unknown material surrounded these drums.
6. An area where approximately 15 old 55-gallon drums were partially covered, they appeared to be empty.
7. The graded area approximately 2-3 acres is stained and ponded with red and blue ink dye material. Mr. Fryzel said that the trucks get the dye on their wheels and track it over the area, and any rain results in ponds of red and blue water.

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Mr. Fryzel stated that Great Lakes Disposal, a licensed special waste hauler, does all of their hauling, using the manifest system, and that all special waste is disposed of at C.I.D. in Calumet City.

Upon completion of our inspection, Mr. Fryzel stated that the rear entrance has not always been closed in the past, and did not believe their company was responsible for the dumping, but stated the area would be cleaned up within 1-2 weeks. He also stated that the Great Lakes Disposal allowed a private individual to pick up the 500 5-gallon cans, but Sherwin Williams stopped him. Since he was not a licensed hauler and the cans were contaminated with paints and chemicals. Mr. Fryzel stated Great Lakes Disposal would be required to haul the cans away. The graded area contained remnants of old drums, but Mr. Fryzel said there was never any disposal of drums in the 23 years he has worked for the company. The area had been used for drum storage in the past and they were currently trying to level the area out to prevent ponding of rainwater on the site. A follow-up inspection will be made in the future to check the progress of their clean-up operation.

cc: Bill Child  
Northern Region  
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TIME :

Sherwin Williams  
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Covers

force

Ponded  
Water  
(Red)

Robins  
empty  
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11974 St.